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October last. After the Government had several times pressed Russia for her decision on the matter, a reply, after long delay, was received on the 11th December. In this reply Russia struck out all the proposals relating to Manchuria and offered to negotiate on the Korean question only, insisting on her demand that Japan should bind herself not to use any part of Korea for strategic purposes. She also pressed for the formation of a neutral zone in Korea as originally proposed.

The exclusion of Manchuria from the subject of the negotiations, as desired by Russia, was of course quite inconsistent with the principle and policy of the Imperial Government, and with the spirit in which Japan entered upon the negotiations—her aspirations being to the interests of both Powers in Manchuria and Korea, and to remove those causes which might generate misunderstandings in the future. The Imperial Government on the 21st December last requested Russia to reconsider her proposals, and once more proposed to put on the restriction of the territory of Korea must be withdrawn if negotiations were to continue. The Japanese Government suggested that the proposal to form a neutral zone be altogether struck out, if Russia did not agree to the zone proposed by Japan.

The reply to this Note came on the 6th January, and it is Russia insisted that the creation of a neutral zone in Korea and the restrictions upon Japan in Korean territory should stand as first proposed by Russia. On this condition Russia agreed to include in the agreement a recognition of the rights and special privileges (exclusive of foreign settlements) acquired by Japan and other Powers in Manchuria by treaty with China. Nothing was said regarding the integrity of Chinese territory. An assurance given without an agreement for the integrity of territory is practically of no value, because treaty rights would vanish with loss of sovereignty. If Russia annexes Manchuria, all the rights and privileges obtained by other Powers by virtue of treaties with China would necessarily disappear with the loss of Chinese sovereignty. The Imperial Government deemed it necessary therefore to induce Russia by all means to agree to respect the territorial integrity of China. It was clear that the restriction put on the formation (in Manchuria) of foreign settlements is in conflict with the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation signed between Japan and China, and the Imperial Government therefore struck out the clause proposed. As to the question of Korea, Japan's demand formed an irreducible minimum. The Imperial Government decided to stand firmly on the position taken up. On the 13th January Russia was once more requested to reconsider her proposals. Since then a reply has been repeatedly asked for. Russia, however, not only has not replied, but did not even appoint a date for reply.

The Imperial Government has always endeavoured to observe principles of justice and impartiality, and in the negotiations with Russia made no demands of an extortionate nature, merely requesting the Russian Government to acknowledge a principle it has repeatedly and voluntarily proclaimed. Yet the Russian Government absolutely declined the request of the Imperial Government, and, moreover, unduly delayed to reply, at the same time strenuously pushing forward her preparations for war on land and sea, and placing on the Korean frontier a great force of troops. The Imperial Government is sincerely desirous of maintaining peace, and has so far shown the utmost patience, but Russia's action has at last compelled the Imperial Government to stand up to the demand for any amicable solution of the question, to break off negotiations, and to break off diplomatic relations.

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Cherub	water tank and tug	580	—	950	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Singapore
Eclipse	cruiser, 2nd class	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Wahaiwei
Exeter	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Comdr. P. V. Lawes, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Feareless	cruiser, 2nd class	1580	12	3200	Captain W. A. Carter	Hongkong
*Glorious	battleship, 1st class	12,950	18	13,500	Lieut.-Com. H. L. Wall	Wahaiwei
Hawley	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Comdr. J. D. Dainton	Wahaiwei
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. C. Asser	Wahaiwei
Humber	*torpedo	1640	—	800	Captain Hall	Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Powell	Yangtze-Kiang
King Alfred	battleship, 1st class	14,000	—	—	Hon. N. G. Stopford	Amoy
Kinsale	river gunboat	—	4	—	Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Macao
Leviathan	cruiser, 1st class	14,100	—	31,500	Captain R. F. Foote, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Moorehead	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. G. G. Webster	Wahaiwei
Ocean	battleship, 1st class	12,050	18	13,500	Lt.-Com. G. G. Webster	Hongkong
Otter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Comdr. S. S. John Paraguth	Hongkong
Phoenix	sloop	1015	6	1400	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Shanghai
Rambling	surveying-vessel	855	6	850	Com. D. St. A. Wake	Shanghai
Rinaldo	sloop	950	10	1400	Lt.-Com. John P. Irven	Shanghai
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Comdr. T. Jackson	West River
Rosario	sloop	950	6	1400	Capt. C. H. H. Moore	Wahaiwei
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Hongkong
Sirius	cruiser, 2nd class	3800	8	9000	Captain Lewis Beyle	Hongkong
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Rear-Admiral C. G. Robinson	Hongkong
Sparrowhawk	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Capt. J. A. O. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Talbot	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Lieut. Forbes	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	6	—	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.G.	Amoy
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Comdr. S. S. John Paraguth	Amoy
Thetis	cruiser, 2nd class	3400	8	9000	Lt.-Comdr. A. B. Barker	Hongkong
Tweed	coast defence gunboat	363	3	200	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest O. Hardy	Hongkong
Vengeance	battleship, 1st class	12,950	18	13,500	In Reserve	Hongkong
Vestal	sloop	950	10	1400	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Hankow
Viper	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	5900	Lieut.-Com. Wason	Yangtze
Waterwitch	surveying ship	620	—	450		
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5900		
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550		
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	550		

* Flag of Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

† Flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.B., C.M.G.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Aspern	Austrian cruiser	962	—	—	Capt. Friedrich Grinzenberzen	Cheloo
Acheron	French gunboat	1798	—	—	Captain Laforrière	Haiphong
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Varney	Hongkong
Argus	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Crespin	Canton
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journe	Saigon
Avalanche	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Heron	Haiphong
Bengali	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lefevre	Haiphong
Bugeaud	French cruiser	3740	29	9000	Captain Y. Poulton	San-shunpo
Chateaufort	French gunboat	8018	18	—	Commander Louel	Haiphong
Comete	French gunboat	625	—	—	Commander Guthrie	Saigon
Decade	French gunboat	690	—	—	Capt. Le Gouleur	Haiphong
Kersaint	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Bécou	Saigon
Lion	French gunboat	470	—	—	Captain Arce	Saigon
Montcalm	French cruiser	9700	12	19,600	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Oly	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Soules	Chenulpo
Pascal	French cruiser	4015	27	8500	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Redoubtable	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	Captain Thomas	Haiphong
Slyx	French gunboat	1798	10	—	Lieut. Gaillard	Haiphong
Surprise	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain Blondel	Saigon
Taklong	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Caro	Canton
Takou	French gunboat	—	—	—	Co. ad. Villeneuve	Saigon
Vauban	French gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. Huss	Amoy
Vigilant	French gunboat	400	4	441	Captain Friedrich	Shanghai
Vipero	French gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. Wuthmann	Shanghai
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Capt. van Semmen	Port Arthur
Fürst Bismarck	German flag ship	11,000	36	14,000	Capt. Baron Schimmelfmann	Shanghai
Golet	German cruiser	1776	15	2960	Capt. Baron M. Hülse	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	34	10,000	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Tobu
Horch	German cruiser	6000	37	10,000	Comdr. Kronge	Hongkong
Itis	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Comdr. Fasper	Hongkong
Jacuar	German gunboat	850	10	1300	Comdr. Hoffmann	Chenulpo
Lucha	German gunboat	1629	10	—	Lieut. Comdr. von Welso	Shanghai
Möwe	German gunboat	1640	15	2500	Captain Dick	Shanghai
Seeadler	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Captain Ducerne	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Zeri	Shanghai
Vorwaerts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Cali	Nagasaki
Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Diogo de Sa	Macao
Elba	Italian cruiser	2730	10	7471	Capt. F. J. Barboza Leal	Macao
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2427	34	12,000	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4500	24	6820	Comdr. Gramatichoff	Port Arthur
Vettor Pisani	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Reitschelsheim	Sunk
Dia	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Comdr. Erjckovitch	Port Arthur
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. Nasarowsky	Port Arthur
Albatoss	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Yurist	Port Arthur
Amour	Russian cruiser	2600	5	4700	Comdr. Zagarsky	Port Arthur
Askold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Capt. Jessen	Vladivostok
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7800	10	16,500	Comdr. Saperinoff	Vladivostok
Bayarin	Russian gunboat	3200	6	—	Capt. Jakovlev	Port Arthur
Bobro	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Capt. Zatsarcieng	Port Arthur
Bogaty	Russian cruiser	8440	12	—	Captain Oseroff	Port Arthur
Diana	Russian cruiser	6751	6	—	Comdr. Livon	Chenulpo
Dighlight	Russian gunboat	1456	9	1700	Capt. Staunton	Ashore
Guidamak	Russian gunboat	560	9	3500	Captain H. B. Berry	Vladivostok
Gremashchy	Russian gunboat	1490	6	3200	Captain Mahan	Vladivostok
Gromobol	Russian gunboat	12,384	44	14,500	Comdr. Kronge	Port Arthur
Gulnik	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	Port Arthur
Korsetz	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakowsky	Port Arthur
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Commander Crown	Port Arthur
Navarin	Russian battleship	10,206	12	9000	Comdr. Vasilief	Sunk
Novik	Russian cruiser	3000	6	17,000	Comdr. Guinter	Port Arthur
Olavsky	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Capt. Ashore	Port Arthur
Pallada	Russian gunboat	6751	12	—	Captain Koroleff	Port Arthur
Peresviet	Russian gunboat	12,674	15	14,500	Capt. Jakovlev	Port Arthur
Petrovsk	Russian gunboat	10,980	16	10,000	Capt. Zatsarcieng	Port Arthur
Pobeda	Russian gunboat	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Oseroff	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian gunboat	10,980	16	10,000	Comdr. Livon	Chenulpo
Rashovnik	Russian cruiser	1234	10	1750	Capt. Staunton	Ashore
Ratzeburg	Russian gunboat	19,002	16	16,000	Captain H. B. Berry	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian gunboat	12,200	68	17,000	Captain Mahan	Vladivostok
Savastopol	Russian gunboat	10,980	26	13,500	Comdr. Kronge	Port Arthur
Silach	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Lieut. Comdr. Yvanoff	Port Arthur
Sivoreb	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Ginter	Port Arthur
Taravich	Russian gunboat	12,303	38	16,300	Capt. Bahr	Ashore
Vasyug	Russian cruiser	6500	27	20,000	Capt. Bahr	Sunk
Vendry	Russian gunboat	600	9	3300	Comdr. Zigorofsky	Port Arthur
Zabiyaka	Russian cruiser	1230	15	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3500	—	—	Capt. J. H. Rodgers	Honolulu
Calao	U. S. cruiser	235	—	—	Lieut. M. L. Miller	Hongkong
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	8213	—	—	Capt. H. E. Mason	Honolulu
Colon Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1150	—	1600	Capt. Denild	Singapore
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	840	—	—	Lt. Comdr. J. Hood	Shanghai
Holena	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1098	Comdr. Staunton	Shanghai
Kentucky	U. S. flag ship	11,500	41	10,000	Captain H. B. Berry	Honolulu
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3990	6	9000	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Monocacy	U. S. gunboat	1270	6	350	Comdr. Kronge	Taku
Monterey	U. S. cruiser	4084	4	5944	Comdr. W. H. Blockley	Canton
New Orleans	U. S. gunboat	3437	20	—	Comdr. Boshlages	Honolulu
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	10,228	45	—	Captain Burwell	Kobe
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	4000	—	—	Commander G. L. Dyer	Manila
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	3213	—	—	Captain Nazaro	Honolulu
Viola	U. S. cruiser	1000	18	1118	Commander Marshall	Chenulpo
Villalobos	U. S. gunboat	400	—	—	Lieut. L. C. Bortolotto	Shanghai
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1397	5	1384	Commander U. M. Harris	Cheloo

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

Amusements.

6 p.m. - A. D. C. Performance at the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Bonds of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 5th March inclusive.

Bonds per Railway undelivered after Noon on this date landed.

General Memoranda.

Monday, February 22.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

9.30 p.m. - Auction of The Moss Gear of the Wardroom of H.M.S. Glory, at Mr. Geo. P. Leung's Sale Rooms.

Tuesday, February 23.

Transfer Bonds of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 10th March inclusive.

Wednesday, February 24.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Thursday, March 3.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Friday, March 4.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Saturday, March 5.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Sunday, March 6.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Monday, March 7.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Tuesday, March 8.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Wednesday, March 9.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Thursday, March 10.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Friday, March 11.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Saturday, March 12.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Sunday, March 13.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Monday, March 14.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Tuesday, March 15.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Wednesday, March 16.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Thursday, March 17.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Friday, March 18.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Saturday, March 19.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Sunday, March 20.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Monday, March 21.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Tuesday, March 22.

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Friday, March 25.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Saturday, March 26.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Sunday, March 27.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Monday, March 28.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Tuesday, March 29.

9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

BIRTH.
On 17th February, at Wanchai Road, the wife of EMMETT F. GIBSON, of a Son.

DEATH.
On the 7th February, at 'St. Helen's', 28-A, Syed Alley Road, Newton, Singapore, LAURA HELEN, the beloved wife of Dr J. M. Handy.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1904.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

PUBLIC WORKS proved road communi-

cation at Kowloon ap-

pears to have been

fairly taken in hand by the Govern-

ment. A road, 100 feet wide, is now in

course of construction from the neigh-

bourhood of the Glass Factory in Hung

Hom Bay to the Chinese Theatre at

Yau-mati. Here, we understand, it is

to connect with the continuation of

Robinson Road, to be made 100 feet

wide, and also with a branch road 100

feet wide which will pass to the south

of the Gas Works and reach the harbour

at the north of the Naval Coal Depot.

A 100-foot road has also been laid out

on the east side of the Peninsula from

Hung Hom to Kowloon City, and it is

proposed, eventually, to carry the con-

tinuation of Robinson Road, 100 feet

wide, round the bay at the back of

Stonewater Island to Lai-chi-kok. Ad-

vantage has been taken of the building of

the small railway for the reclamation at

Kowloon Point to cut off an ugly corner

in the road at Gun Club Hill, thus

making a considerable improvement in

the road between the Ferry and the

Docks.

The proposal for diverting the Ferry

traffic from the Kowloon Wharves to

a pier to be built at the end of a

continuation of Salisbury Road is again

under discussion, and we understand

there is now a fair prospect of carrying

the scheme through.

The Kowloon Waterworks are making

fair progress. The building of the main

reservoir dam has been commenced,

tunnelling is in progress on the line

where the conduit is to pass through

the west end of the Kowloon range

of hills, and a service reservoir to hold

two million gallons is nearing comple-

tion on a hill just over the old boundary

line.

A much-needed disinfecting station

is being built at Yau-mati to obviate

the necessity of carrying infected

clothing across the harbour.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Plague.

The body of a Chinaman who had died

from plague was found in Aberdeen Street

to-day. This makes the third case in the

Colony this year.

Shipbuilding at Shanghai.

It will be learnt with great interest

(says the N. C. Daily News) that Messrs S.

C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd., have received

an order from the China Merchants'

Steam Navigation Co. to build a steel twin-

screw steamer of the following dimen-

sions:-

Length... .. 330ft.

Breadth... .. 44

Depth moulded to upper deck... 24

The vessel will be fitted with two sets of

triple expansion engines of sufficient power

to attain the speed of 13 knots. The dead-

weight capacity on 12ft. mean draft will be

about 1,750 tons. The steam steering gear

and windlass will be of the Clarke, Chapman

type. The general outline of the accommo-

dation is as follows: European state-

rooms contained in a large deck-house

placed on the hurricane deck forward

of the engine and boiler space. The

1st-class Chinese state-rooms to be placed

forward on the upper deck with a

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
The Deveres in a total loss on the Paracels.

Sir Henry Blake is grappling with the problem of police reform in Ceylon.

Sir Frederick Treves was to leave Calcutta for Ceylon about the 5th inst.

An important statement by Japan's Foreign Minister will be found on Pages 2 and 3.

Rain marred the brilliancy of the State procession at the opening of the British Parliament on the 2nd inst.

Captain Robert J. Prendergast, R.N., has been appointed an assistant to the Director of Naval Ordnance, Admiralty.

The King of Italy has bestowed upon Mr William Le Queux, the novelist, the cross of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

During the past week, two fatal cases of plague (Chinese) were reported in the Colony, and one case of enteric fever (Japanese).

The Hon. Mr F. A. Cooper, C.M.G., Director of Public Works of Ceylon, who has been on leave for a year, returns to Ceylon about the 5th proximo.

The Ceylon Legislative Council is considering a proposal to increase Sir Henry Blake's salary. The present salary of the Governor of Ceylon is Rupees 80,000.

The 'King Alfred's' Departure.
The 1st class cruiser 'King Alfred', which arrived here from England on February 14th, with a relief crew for H.M.S. 'Gloria', will leave to-morrow with the old crew and officers of the battleship.

Farewell to the Men.
In the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street, last night, a farewell concert was given to the crew of the 'Gloria', who leave for home on the 'King Alfred'. The chair was occupied by the Mr J. J. Bullen, and there were a large number of service men and civilians present. After a programme of musical items, the Chaplain took the chair. In an address to the men, he instanced the good work done by Warrant Officer Frank Groves, both in the Home and on the ships. Mr F. A. Brown, on behalf of his many friends, presented Mr Groves with a fine edition of the works of Mr J. R. Miller, and Mrs Bullen handed Mr Groves a gold brooch as a token for Mrs Groves, who is in England.

A Notorious Archbishop.
Nozalea, the notorious Spanish Archbishop, whose extraordinary proclamations in Manila at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war made Spain a laughing-stock to the world, has not ceased from troubling. A Madrid telegram, dated 17th inst., says:- The Archbishop-Elect of Valencia, the Dominican Friar Nozalea, has taken proceedings in the Courts against *El Liberal* and several other Madrid papers, on the ground that their articles censuring his conduct before and after the surrender of Manila to the Americans, when he was Archbishop of Manila, constitute a libel. Senor Silveira has consented to act as chief Counsel for the Archbishop. It is now an open secret that the Vatican has suggested to the Archbishop the expediency of declining the See of Valencia, in the interests alike of the Church and the Monarchy in Spain; and it is expected that he will do so, after the Government has demanded him in the Cortes and after the Courts have pronounced on the libel cases.

'His Excellency.'
The second performance of 'His Excellency' by the Amateur Dramatic Company was given last night at the City Hall. As before, the house was full, both the upper circle and the body of the hall. The piece was equally well-played, and applause was frequent throughout the evening; everything going with a swing which was naturally not perceptible on a first-night performance. The leading characters performed their parts with more vim than in the first representation, and some of the minor parts had improved considerably. The Chorus were more concerted in their action, and showed praiseworthy efficiency. Mrs Craddock was clearer in tone and more self-possessed than before, and her performance was most successful. Mrs Hall Wright, the liveliest of all the lady representatives, was again the soul of the piece, and she was ably seconded by Mrs Hagen, who has greatly improved in her acting. We have seldom heard Mr G. P. Lamert in better voice, and he also acted well, while his contem, Dr Hall Wright, improved upon his first appearance. His Excellency is always good, and the Regent was interpreted more successfully than before.

Surgeon H. E. Norris.
Surgeon H. E. Norris, R.N., played his part remarkably well, and his singing with Mr W. J. Phillips, (Damo Courtland) especially convulsed the house. Mr Phillips showed a great improvement in his character of Damo Courtland. On the previous night, owing to his having to take the place of Mrs Mitchell at short notice, he was hardly very perfect, but last night his acting and singing were excellent. Mrs Matland (as Vivandine) was very pleasing, and gained a lot of applause for her singing. Most of the articles showed great improvement, and their success was gratifying. Although there is not the same scope in the piece as in others that have been put on, the most medical of it, and it is well worth seeing.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

New Governor of Victoria.
Sir Reginald Talbot has been appointed Governor of Victoria. The new Governor is a son of the Earl of Shrewsbury and commanded the Army of Occupation in Egypt from 1899 to 1903.

Ori kat.
The following will play for the Hockey Club against the Cricket Club, commencing at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow:- C. P. Chater, Capt. P. G. Davies, A.O.D., Lt. Gibson, R.N., T. C. Gray, H. Hancock, J. Hooper, Surg. Horley, R.N., Lt. Howard, R.N., G. P. Lammert, A. Wilson, R.N., and A. N. Other.

Japan's Newest Battleships.
A special cable to the *Glasgow Herald* from Tokyo says that the Japanese Government have cabled their acceptance of the offers of Vickers, Son, and Maxim, Barrow, and Armstrong, Mitchell, and Co., Newcastle, each for one battleship. The vessels will be 16,400 tons, and the most powerfully-armed in the world. Delivery is stipulated within 18 months, and important gun innovations are promised.

Shield Tie.
To-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play R.M.S. Ocean, kick-off quarter past four. The following will play for the Club:- F. H. Kaw, goal; H. C. Anstee, and G. F. Aucutt, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonnar, and C. T. Kew, halves; W. H. Williams, C. R. S. Cooper, R. Hancock, R. A. Whitmore, and J. D. Danby, forwards.

Naval Appointments.
The following naval appointments are gazetted:-
Lieutenants-C. Asser, to the *Tamar*, for the *Fame*, in command; H. J. L. Wells, to the *Tamar*, for the *Whiting*, in command, to date Nov. 17.
Sub-Lieutenants-R. T. Devon, to the *Tamar*, for the *Fame*; R. K. Gregory, to the *Tamar*, for the *Whiting*, to date Nov. 17.
Gunnery-F. Groves, to the *Tamar*, for the *Whiting*; G. W. Wilkes, to the *Tamar*, for the *Fame*, to date Nov. 17.

Band at the Hongkong Hotel.
By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 to 9.30 p.m.:-
March... 'The Rifle Regiment'... Sousa.
Overture... 'Medusa'... Stanislav Elliot.
Selection... 'The Song of the Sea'... Molloy.
Selection... 'The Messenger Boy'... Ivan Caryll.
Valse... 'Rose'... Margie.
Serenade... 'Love in Idleness'... Macbeth.
GOOD BAYE THE KING.

Death of a Lucknow Heroine.
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Sore Muscles.
The correct treatment of sore muscles is very simple. First take a good warm bath before going to bed, and be sure to rub yourself dry. This opens the pores. Then rub Chamberlain's Pain Balm into the muscles, keeping up a good rubbing for several minutes. If you have time when you get up in the morning, rub in some more of the Pain Balm. This cure sore muscles caused by hard work or severe exercise of any kind. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the favorite remedy of all prominent athletes. It keeps the muscles in the best shape. One application gives relief. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors. WATKINS & CO., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
The Deveres in a total loss on the Paracels.

Sir Henry Blake is grappling with the problem of police reform in Ceylon.

Sir Frederick Treves was to leave Calcutta for Ceylon about the 5th inst.

An important statement by Japan's Foreign Minister will be found on Pages 2 and 3.

Rain marred the brilliancy of the State procession at the opening of the British Parliament on the 2nd inst.

Captain Robert J. Prendergast, R.N., has been appointed an assistant to the Director of Naval Ordnance, Admiralty.

The King of Italy has bestowed upon Mr William Le Queux, the novelist, the cross of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

During the past week, two fatal cases of plague (Chinese) were reported in the Colony, and one case of enteric fever (Japanese).

The Hon. Mr F. A. Cooper, C.M.G., Director of Public Works of Ceylon, who has been on leave for a year, returns to Ceylon about the 5th proximo.

The Ceylon Legislative Council is considering a proposal to increase Sir Henry Blake's salary. The present salary of the Governor of Ceylon is Rupees 80,000.

The 'King Alfred's' Departure.
The 1st class cruiser 'King Alfred', which arrived here from England on February 14th, with a relief crew for H.M.S. 'Gloria', will leave to-morrow with the old crew and officers of the battleship.

Farewell to the Men.
In the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street, last night, a farewell concert was given to the crew of the 'Gloria', who leave for home on the 'King Alfred'. The chair was occupied by the Mr J. J. Bullen, and there were a large number of service men and civilians present. After a programme of musical items, the Chaplain took the chair. In an address to the men, he instanced the good work done by Warrant Officer Frank Groves, both in the Home and on the ships. Mr F. A. Brown, on behalf of his many friends, presented Mr Groves with a fine edition of the works of Mr J. R. Miller, and Mrs Bullen handed Mr Groves a gold brooch as a token for Mrs Groves, who is in England.

A Notorious Archbishop.
Nozalea, the notorious Spanish Archbishop, whose extraordinary proclamations in Manila at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war made Spain a laughing-stock to the world, has not ceased from troubling. A Madrid telegram, dated 17th inst., says:- The Archbishop-Elect of Valencia, the Dominican Friar Nozalea, has taken proceedings in the Courts against *El Liberal* and several other Madrid papers, on the ground that their articles censuring his conduct before and after the surrender of Manila to the Americans, when he was Archbishop of Manila, constitute a libel. Senor Silveira has consented to act as chief Counsel for the Archbishop. It is now an open secret that the Vatican has suggested to the Archbishop the expediency of declining the See of Valencia, in the interests alike of the Church and the Monarchy in Spain; and it is expected that he will do so, after the Government has demanded him in the Cortes and after the Courts have pronounced on the libel cases.

'His Excellency.'
The second performance of 'His Excellency' by the Amateur Dramatic Company was given last night at the City Hall. As before, the house was full, both the upper circle and the body of the hall. The piece was equally well-played, and applause was frequent throughout the evening; everything going with a swing which was naturally not perceptible on a first-night performance. The leading characters performed their parts with more vim than in the first representation, and some of the minor parts had improved considerably. The Chorus were more concerted in their action, and showed praiseworthy efficiency. Mrs Craddock was clearer in tone and more self-possessed than before, and her performance was most successful. Mrs Hall Wright, the liveliest of all the lady representatives, was again the soul of the piece, and she was ably seconded by Mrs Hagen, who has greatly improved in her acting. We have seldom heard Mr G. P. Lamert in better voice, and he also acted well, while his contem, Dr Hall Wright, improved upon his first appearance. His Excellency is always good, and the Regent was interpreted more successfully than before.

Surgeon H. E. Norris.
Surgeon H. E. Norris, R.N., played his part remarkably well, and his singing with Mr W. J. Phillips, (Damo Courtland) especially convulsed the house. Mr Phillips showed a great improvement in his character of Damo Courtland. On the previous night, owing to his having to take the place of Mrs Mitchell at short notice, he was hardly very perfect, but last night his acting and singing were excellent. Mrs Matland (as Vivandine) was very pleasing, and gained a lot of applause for her singing. Most of the articles showed great improvement, and their success was gratifying. Although there is not the same scope in the piece as in others that have been put on, the most medical of it, and it is well worth seeing.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

New Governor of Victoria.
Sir Reginald Talbot has been appointed Governor of Victoria. The new Governor is a son of the Earl of Shrewsbury and commanded the Army of Occupation in Egypt from 1899 to 1903.

Ori kat.
The following will play for the Hockey Club against the Cricket Club, commencing at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow:- C. P. Chater, Capt. P. G. Davies, A.O.D., Lt. Gibson, R.N., T. C. Gray, H. Hancock, J. Hooper, Surg. Horley, R.N., Lt. Howard, R.N., G. P. Lammert, A. Wilson, R.N., and A. N. Other.

Japan's Newest Battleships.
A special cable to the *Glasgow Herald* from Tokyo says that the Japanese Government have cabled their acceptance of the offers of Vickers, Son, and Maxim, Barrow, and Armstrong, Mitchell, and Co., Newcastle, each for one battleship. The vessels will be 16,400 tons, and the most powerfully-armed in the world. Delivery is stipulated within 18 months, and important gun innovations are promised.

Shield Tie.
To-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play R.M.S. Ocean, kick-off quarter past four. The following will play for the Club:- F. H. Kaw, goal; H. C. Anstee, and G. F. Aucutt, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonnar, and C. T. Kew, halves; W. H. Williams, C. R. S. Cooper, R. Hancock, R. A. Whitmore, and J. D. Danby, forwards.

Naval Appointments.
The following naval appointments are gazetted:-
Lieutenants-C. Asser, to the *Tamar*, for the *Fame*, in command; H. J. L. Wells, to the *Tamar*, for the *Whiting*, in command, to date Nov. 17.
Sub-Lieutenants-R. T. Devon, to the *Tamar*, for the *Fame*; R. K. Gregory, to the *Tamar*, for the *Whiting*, to date Nov. 17.
Gunnery-F. Groves, to the *Tamar*, for the *Whiting*; G. W. Wilkes, to the *Tamar*, for the *Fame*, to date Nov. 17.

Band at the Hongkong Hotel.
By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 to 9.30 p.m.:-
March... 'The Rifle Regiment'... Sousa.
Overture... 'Medusa'... Stanislav Elliot.
Selection... 'The Song of the Sea'... Molloy.
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Valse... 'Rose'... Margie.
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UNALLOTTED SHARES ISSUED.

LONDON, February 18.

The British South African Company are issuing the balance of their unallotted capital in four hundred thousand shares at 111 on the 16th inst.

The move is made in consequence of the stagnation of trade in South Africa, unfavourable outlay, and diminished receipts for the past year.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

RUSSIAN FINANCE.

LONDON, February 18.

The Russian Government has issued fifty million roubles in Credit Notes.

THE RUSSIAN WAR SHIPS EN ROUTE TO THE FAR EAST.

The Russian warships *Orel*, *Amur*, *Dmitri Donskoi*, and a number of torpedo-boat destroyers have been ordered to remain at Jibuti until further orders.

THE WAR.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that there is a large movement of Japanese troops, covered by cruisers, proceeding to the Gulf of Liaoning, with the object of cutting off the Manchurian railway near Port Arthur.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, February 17.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that General Iwanoff, the Governor of Turkestan, has been instructed to prepare for possible military action in the direction of India, in the event of Great Britain adopting an attitude openly hostile to Russia or attempting any enterprise in Persia or Tibet prejudicial to Russian interests.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour Sir Wm. Gresham, Chief Justice.)
Friday, February 19, 1904.

A 'BOY' CHARGED.

Wong Chan, a house boy, formerly in the employ of Mr. H. S. Gaskel, No. 3, Queens Gardens, was charged with stealing \$238.

He pleaded not guilty, and the case was set down for Monday.

ARREST OF A JUVENILE.

Leung Kan and Chan Lai were charged with assault with intent to rob; wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm; and with common assault on Chau Yow and Chau Chun at Yau-nati on January 21, 1904.

The Attorney General (Sir H. S. Berkeley) prosecuted, and accused were undefended; they pleaded not guilty and the following jury were sworn:—Messrs J. D. Hall, S. Swart, H. A. Siebs, P. Licker, J. Arnold, A. J. Ellis, and J. H. MacLaren.

The Attorney General said that on the morning of January 21, the two prisoners, accompanied by a third man, boarded a junk in Yau-nati Bay, on which the prosecutor and family were living. A fight ensued, during which some cuts were inflicted upon the prosecutor. The prisoners got the worst of it, and jumped overboard, being picked up by a patrol boat. The third man escaped.

Evidence was then led.
The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the Chief Justice sentenced them to four years' imprisonment with hard labour, and to receive twenty-four strokes of the birch during the first week of their imprisonment.

ROBBERY AT CHUNGKINGSHAN.

The Sir was charged with stealing \$400, one pair of breeches and one pair of trousers from Wong Lai Wing and U Fung on August 14, 1903, at Chungkingshan.

The Attorney General prosecuted, and accused was undefended. He pleaded not guilty and the following jury were sworn:—Messrs J. D. Hall, S. Swart, H. A. Siebs, P. Licker, J. Arnold, A. J. Ellis, J. H. MacLaren.

The Attorney General said that on August 14, Wong Lai Wing and his wife U Fung were in their house. The man was in bed, and the woman was sitting up mending clothes. About one a.m. a gang of four men effected entrance to the house and bound the man and his wife up. They stole money and goods of upwards of \$400, and then decamped. Some time afterwards accused was identified by U Fung and arrested.

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The jury brought in a verdict of guilty on a majority of six to one, and His Lordship sentenced him to five years' imprisonment with hard labour and to receive twenty-four strokes with the birch during the first week of his imprisonment.

A CRIMINAL OFFENDER.

Mo Young alias Mo Ng was charged with defilement of two girls both under the age of 16 years.

Mr. E. H. Sharp prosecuted in place of the Attorney General and accused pleaded not guilty. The following jury were sworn:—Messrs A. O. More, J. L. E. Cotter, W. A. Schmidt, J. O. Hughes, O. H. P. Herbst, H. W. Merrill, C. H. J. Thun.

Evidence was then led, and accused was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

THE COURT THEN ADJOURNED.

Prepared for Emergency

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During the summer months children are subject to disorder of the bowels, and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any looseness of the bowels is noticed, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. When children are teething they have more or less diarrhoea, which can be controlled by giving Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by all chemists, and medicine-vendors. Waxes' Ltd., General Agents.

POLO.

CIVILIANS V. CLUB.

The final match in connection with the competition for the Cup presented by H.E. Mr. F. H. May was played yesterday, between the Civilians and the Polo Club, resulting in a win for the Civilians by seven goals four subsidiaries to one subsidiary.

The teams were as follows:—
Civilians: H. E. Mr. May, Messrs Johnstone, Hastings and Ross.

Polo Club: Captains Knight Light and Nugent, Messrs Knox, R.N., and Gedge. The umpires were Captain Simpson and Major Strickland, I.M.S.

The game opened very fast and Johnstone scored the first goal for the Civilians. Shortly after H.E. Mr. May came along and added another goal for his side. After a sharp play Hastings had a shot at goal, but missed, and scored a subsidiary. Ross followed up and after some cross play with Captain Light he managed to score a goal. Hastings scored another subsidiary for his side before half time.

The Civilians were having all the best of the game and were romping over their opponents. Good play was shown in the second half, Hastings (2) Johnstone (1), and Ross (1) added goals, and Johnstone added a subsidiary for his side. Knox scored the only points for the Polo Club, a subsidiary.

The result of the game is that the Cup presented by H.E. Mr. May goes to the Civilian team, of which H.E. Mr. May is a member.

HOME FOOTBALL.

The following are the latest results to hand by the German mail yesterday:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

At Sheffield, Stoke and Sheffield United drew—1-1.

At Birmingham, Aston Villa and Small Heath drew—1-1.

At Bury, Bury (1) beat Sheffield Wednesday (0).

At Newcastle, United (1) beat Everton (0).

At Liverpool, Liverpool (2) beat Sunderland (0).

At Middlesbrough, West Bromwich Albion and Middlesbrough drew—2-2.

At Nottingham, Derby County and Nottingham County drew—2-2.

Sheffield United now lead with 30 points for 22 games, Aston Villa being second with 26 for 22 games. Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester City third with 25 points for 21 games.

In the Second Division, Preston North End are first—34 points for 10 games; Woolwich Arsenal second—29 for 19; and Bolton Wanderers third—26 for 22.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

At Dundee, Dundee (three) beat Partick Thistle (nil).

At Glasgow, Celtic (six) beat Motherwell (nil).

At Glasgow, Port Glasgow Athletic (two) beat Queen's Park (one).

At Glasgow, Glasgow Rangers (three) beat Kilmarnock (nil).

At Paisley, St. Mirren (three) beat Heart of Midlothian (nil).

At Glasgow, Greenock Morton (two) beat Third Lanark (one).

RUGBY.

The trial match at Edinburgh between the Cities and the Rest resulted in a win for the Cities by 16 points to 8.

Blackheath (8) beat London Irish (3).

Richmond (28) beat Northampton (5).

Old Merchant Taylors (8) beat Harlequins (3).

Cardiff (23) beat Bristol (0).

At Newport (3) beat Devonport Albion (0).

Gloucester (21) beat Leicester (0).

Swansea (6) beat Llanelli (3).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F.C. V. H.M.S. 'OCEAN'.

The Hongkong Football Club were defeated by a team from H.M.S. 'Ocean' by seven points to nil. The game was played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

The teams were as follows:—

Hongkong: W. A. Crake, full back; W. R. Robertson, T. E. Pearce, R. A. Whitmore, and K. A. Sandford, three-quarters; A. G. M. Fletcher and A. B. de Veille, halves; H. C. Sandford (capt.), E. F. Hallifax, P. W. Goldring, E. D. C. Wolfe, Lieut. Strover, H. E. Rostley, Lieut. Richards, and Lieut. Duncan, forwards.

H.M.S. 'Ocean': Smith, full back; Jordan, Hargreaves, May, and Poole, three-quarters; Ellis and Dunstan, halves; Barr, Littleale, Hodge, Jewell, Head, Waldron, Whiddon and Gordon, forwards.

The 'Ocean' won the toss, and Sandford kicked off for the Club. For the opening spell play was confined to the sailor's end, until they relieved the pressure, and carried the ball into the Club's territory. Rowley made a nice run down the touch line, but was forced out. The Club were on the attack, and Poole passed to Robertson. The latter player put on pace, but was stopped before becoming dangerous. The 'Ocean' sent the ball up field to Crake, who ran right up before kicking. Pearce initiated a nice passing rush, but Robertson knocked on. The 'Ocean' rushed the ball over the Club's line, but Robertson touched down in time. Whatmore secured the ball, but did not hold it long. Hargreaves depriving him of it. The latter gained ground, but after some close play in front of the goal, Hodge secured, and beat several opponents, scoring the 'Ocean's' first try (3-0).

After the interval the Club attacked vigorously, but failed to pass the ball. Several times the Club seemed within an ace of scoring, when a 'knock on' or 'pass forward' would stop their march. Hargreaves dropped a fine goal for the 'Ocean' (7-0). Again the Club returned to the attack, and again a 'knock on' recalled them. Robertson being the culprit. Then the 'Ocean' made their way up field, and a pass from a Club man to one of the 'Ocean' players gave the latter an opening. He failed however to make use of it, and no further scoring was done.

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AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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JAPANESE TRANSPORT SERVICE.

The four vessels belonging to the Onaka Shosen Kaisha—*Amping Maru*, *Daijin Maru*, *Daiji Maru*, and *Maiduru Maru*,—have been chartered by the Japanese Government. It will be interesting to see how Formosa is affected by the war. They are replaced by the *Triumph*, *Prometheus*, *M. Birney*, and *Tridon*.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MATTERS.

At the instance of the Council severance measures are being adopted to rid the island of the superfluous unowned dogs that have long been so great a pest, and the British Constable has done good service in aiding them to 'shoo off this mortal coil.' No less than 60 were shot in one week, for all dogs that are found with no collar on them are liable at any moment to be shot. It is of course possible that some of these had owners, but they have paid the penalty of their masters' carelessness in not providing the dogs with protecting collars. Foreigners and Chinese alike had simple warning of the risk they ran.

AFForestation.

Praiseworthy efforts are also being made to beautify our little island by the planting of trees, as has been done at Hongkong. The reforestation of the island is a good idea, and some parts of our roads are pleasantly shaded in summer time, since the trees have grown bigger. I hear that 600 Olive trees are to be planted in various directions, so if only one half of these take root and live it will be a lasting benefit.

A NEW MARKET.

One of the improvements promised as soon as practicable is a new Market, for the sale of meat, fish, fruit, and vegetables. If this can be built during the next year it will meet a want, and aid inspection that is so needed if the Foreign Community are to escape epidemics. On the Amoy side, close to the premises of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, near to the water's edge, some enterprising Chinese merchants have built quite a large market, on the same premises as the old market, of three parallel streets with two rows of stalls, one on each side, each stall divided from the next by a wide partition. The total cost was not less than \$15,000, and the 60 stalls are nearly all let by this time. It is fully equipped to be ready for use early in the new year.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

At last efforts are being made to clear away the rubbish from the Amoy streets, which has remained there in many parts ever since the disastrous fire of October 1902. Most of the houses and shops then demolished have been rebuilt, but the work of clearing the roads has been left, Chinese like, to the last. They have a genius for putting the cart before the horse, and generally seem to do things upside down. He plans for the new Church at Lok Chiu Kiu, to replace the one burnt down last year, are now out, and bids fair to be an ornament to the city. The total cost is being defrayed thus, one half from the Chinese Christians, and the other half from the American Missionary Society.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

London, February 2.—Parliament was opened to-day.

The King, in his speech from the Throne, said:—

'I have watched with concern the course of the Russo-Japanese negotiations. The disturbances of peace could not but have deplorable consequences, and any assistance my Government can give to promote a pacific solution will be gladly afforded.'

My relations with foreign Powers continue satisfactory, and I trust the Anglo-French Arbitration Treaty will promote recourse to arbitration in international disputes. Apart from the intrinsic value of the agreement, it is a happy illustration of the friendly feelings between the two countries, whereby striking proofs were given during my visit to France, and President Loubet's visit to Great Britain, and the recent exchange of courtesies.

Similar agreements are in course of negotiation with Italy and the Netherlands. His Majesty refers to an agreement with Portugal to submit to the arbitration of King Edward the demarcation of South-West (sic) Africa.

His Majesty deprecates the adverse decision of the Alaska Boundary Commission, but it was a matter of congratulation that the misunderstandings had been finally removed from the field of controversy.

'The operations in Scotland are being pushed on as rapidly as the difficulties permit. The successes of General Egeron will materially contribute to the destruction of the Mullah's power and the pacification of the country. I have received the cordial co-operation of Italy and of King Menelik, who organised a force which, it is hoped, will materially assist the movement now progressing.'

His Majesty then refers to the Far (1) Near East, and the Austro-Russian revised scheme for Macedonia reforms, in which the other Powers concurred, and accepted, after regrettable delay, by the Porte. He earnestly hoped that advantage would be taken of the opportunity to carry on the measures of amelioration so warmly needed in those unhappy regions.

His Majesty notes with satisfaction the appointment of an Italian General to reorganise the gendarmerie, assisted by other officers; and says: 'I have authorised the employment of a Staff officer of my Army for this purpose.'

'I am glad to hear that Australia and New Zealand have given effect to Naval agreements whereby they assume a larger share in Imperial defence.'

'The insufficiency of the supply of raw material upon which the great cotton industry depends inspires me with deep concern, and I trust the efforts of the various parts of the Empire to increase the area under cultivation will be attended with a large measure of success.'

'With the concurrence of China, a political mission has entered Tibet, in order to secure observance of the Convention of 1890, and a Chinese official from Peking has been despatched to meet it, and I trust an arrangement will be reached with the Chinese and Tibetan authorities which will peacefully remove the constant source of difficulty and friction on the Northern frontier of India. Papers will be laid on the table.'

'Although the estimates have been framed with the utmost desire for economy, the burden of Naval and Military defence is undoubtedly serious. The possibility of diminishing the burden is being carefully considered in connection with the general problem of Army and War Office reform.'

His Majesty then announces a measure for dealing with the immigration of criminal and dangerous persons, and various domestic measures, and still reserves the necessity of the re-election of Ministers on assuming office.

THE EMPRESS-DOWAGER OF CHINA.

Rumours of Death.

Rumours are current in town that the Viceroy of Canton has received a telegram from Peking announcing the death of the Empress-Dowager of China.

Applications for information in likely quarters have failed to obtain confirmation of the rumour; but we hope, for the sake of China, that the news is true.

BRITISH ARMY REFORM.

Speech by Mr Arnold-Forster.

London, January 29.—Mr Arnold-Forster, Secretary of State for War, speaking yesterday at Liverpool, said that backed by the good will of the army, it would be his endeavour to see that past errors did not recur. 'Now, as prior to the war, we are,' he continued, 'still unable to embark a battalion of full strength without mobilising the army. Our resources are too small to permit of a substitute for the army.' The speaker foreshadowed an increase of trained subalterns and captains, better barracks, and the making of enlistment optional for three or eight years. The line regiments heretofore had, he said, lived by drawing the blood from and killing the militia, which must be restored as a substitute force. 'We have two sets of volunteers, some of whom had more leisure than others. Sympathy would solve the problem of classification and utilisation of both, thus curing a force of immense value.'

The New Army Council.

January 21.—It is officially announced that, with the recommendation of the War Office Committee to the Government, with the King's approval, has decided to appoint an Army Council framed on the model of the Board of Admiralty. The office of a Commander-in-Chief would be created, and the principal duty of whom will be to inspect and report on the efficiency of the military forces under the control of the Home Government.

In order to secure continuity and consistency, the Committee recommended the addition of a permanent nucleus to the Defence Committee, consisting of a Secretary appointed for five years, and under him two naval and two military officers selected by the Admiralty and the War Office, and two Indian officers nominated by the Viceroy, and one or more representatives of the Colonies. This should not be of high rank, and would be appointed for two years.

February 2.—Earl Roberts, Lord Grenfell, Sir John French, and Sir W. F. Butler have been invited to join the Army Council.

The Report of Lord Esher's Committee.

February 1.—The establishment of a permanent nucleus is intended to enable the Defence Committee to fulfil the duties of an Imperial General Staff, and to serve as the commencement of a scientific body of expert opinion to supply the Premier with all the information not obtainable in 1899. With reference to the War Office, the States placed on the same footing as the First Lord of the Admiralty, and proposes the constitution of a War Council, consisting of the Secretary of State, four military and two other civil members, with detailed distribution of duties; and urges the selection of military members not his hitherto closely connected with the existing methods. Otherwise there is no hope that the reconstruction will be a reality.

It recommends the addition of the Commanders-in-Chief and the creation of an Inspector-General outside the War Office, to be appointed for five years, whose sole function will be to report to the Council actual facts, including an annual report in view of the most important. He will be assisted by Inspectors of Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, and Mounted Infantry. An Inspector of Infantry is not recommended, and is not found necessary in Germany, where the inspection system has long existed.

The report further proposes decentralization, giving Commanders of Districts in the United Kingdom the rank of General Officers Commanding-in-Chief. The efficiency of their troops will be watched and reported on by the Inspector-General.

The report finally urges the immediate appointment of the members of the Council, and of the Inspector-General, and the Committee to co-operate with them in reference to the details of further proposals, including the relations between the War Office and the auxiliaries.

It is assumed that Government has not announced the adoption of the Defence Committee's proposals, solely because they require the sanction of Parliament.

The report has produced an excellent impression generally, but the *Morning Post* severely criticises the distribution of duties. The *Standard* reserves its opinion.

A Volcanic Telegraphic Summary.

Allahabad, February 3.—The London correspondent of the *Pioneer* sends a long message regarding the report of Lord Esher's Committee.

The report consists of three sections. The first opens with the declaration that the War Office has been administered from the point of view of peace. Hence improvements in the existing machine are insufficient. A complete breach with the past is necessary.

The report proceeds to discuss a Defence Committee for the continuous study of questions of Imperial defence. This is now no one's duty, therefore the Government is unable to arrive at sound conclusions on the needs of preparations for war; and misdirected effort, involving on the one hand risk and on the other waste, is unavoidable. There have been in the past, and there may be in the future, Premiers to whom the great questions of Imperial defence do not appeal; and a permanent committee should be established.

The Premier should have at his disposal all the information needed for the fulfilment of his responsibilities and duties. The Government should consider all questions of Imperial defence from the point of view of the navy and military forces in India and the Colonies. It should obtain and collate information from the Admiralty, War Office, the Indian and the Colonial Offices, and prepare the documents required by the Defence Committee.

The Joint Naval and Military Committee and the Colonial Defence Committee should be dissolved and their functions be vested in the Defence Committee.

The second section deals with the Army Council. The Army system, while it has been essentially unchanged since the great naval wars, has retained the confidence of the navy and the nation. The War Office has no thinking department; and branches concerned with preparations for

a campaign, and the collection of information are weak and insufficiently in touch with the Secretary of State. The duties of the military heads are ill-defined, their relations with each other and with the Secretary of State are unsuited for effective administration; they are absorbed in improper work. These conditions account for the evils ramifying through the whole structure, which render the Army inefficient for war duties. The members of the new Council are for the present left undefined in detail. Broadly, they should be—First, Military Member, staff duties, intelligence, mobilisation, plans of operations, training, military history, higher education, and war regulations; Second, Military Member, the personnel, pay, and police regulations; Third, Military Member—supply, remounts and transport; Fourth, Military Member—armaments and fortifications. The First Civil Member should have charge of civil business; and the Second Civil Member of finance.

The report points out that it will be unnecessary to appoint officers of high rank or eminent field service to administrative posts like that of the third and fourth Members. Rank and position should not be a bar to any position in the War Office. Such officers would afterwards revert to any post outside suitable to his military rank.

The third section is headed Inspection. It praises decentralisation, towards which steps will be taken by the establishment of Army Corps Commands and independent inspection, as the corollary of effective decentralisation. The duties of Inspector-General should include attendance at all manoeuvres and acting as chief umpire, but not as deputy chief of staff of officers of experience in high commands.

It is assumed that Earl Roberts will retire forthwith.

The *Times* expresses unreserved agreement with the broad principles laid down; and remarks that Lord Roberts is obviously designed for the position of First Inspector-General.

The *Morning Post* objects to the First Military Member of the Council, who appears in peace time to have nothing to do with troops. His will be a theory office, top and bottom. The work assigned to him could be done by a professor who had never seen a battle or

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Vessels Advertised as Loading

Bremen, &c.	Borditz (s)	Melchers & Co	March 2
Bremen, &c.	Roß (s)	Melchers & Co.	March 26
Genoa, Maris Lloyd	Rosenau (s)	Northfield & Swire	Feb. 20, at Noon.
Havre and Hamburg.	C. Fred. Loebe	Hamburg-Am'ra Line	February 20
Havre, Bremen R'burg	Silhoula (s)	Hamburg-Am'ra Line	March 2

Havre and Hamburg	Bamburg (a)	Hamburg and La Fable	March 17.
Japan	Timih (a)	China and T'ing Tsing	Feb. and half of Feb.
Kobe	Eastern (a)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Feb. 21; Daylight.
London, &c.	Canton (a)	Robinson & Co.	Feb. 27; at Noon.
London & Antwerp	Sooty (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 3.
London & Antwerp	Myoune (a)	Butterfield & Swire	March 1.
London & Antwerp	Glaucus (a)	Butterfield & Swire	March 11.
London & Antwerp	Glengyle (a)	McGregor Bros. & Co.	March 1.
Manila	Rubi (a)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Feb. 20; at 10 a.m.
Manila	Zafro (a)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Feb. 27; at 10 a.m.
Manila	Tremont (a)	Dowdell & Co. Limited	March 1.
Manila	Kusur (a)	Butterfield & Swire	February 24.
Manila	Loomang (a)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 24; at Noon.
Marcellise via Saigon.	Tara (a)	Messageries Maritimes	Feb. 23; at 1 p.m.
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Shanghai	Kalgan (c)	Butterfield & Swire	February 24
Shanghai	Comorandel (c)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 28
Shal, Kobe & Yama	Sydney (c)	Messageries Maritimes	About Feb. 21
Shal, Yoko & Yama	Sydney (c)	Sander, Wailer & Co.	February 21, a.m.
Shanghai, Hongkong	Portland (c)	Portland & A. T. Co.	February 24
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S'pore, Java, Portl., &c.	Tjilatjap (c)	China Land. Sing. Co.	(1st half of March.
S'pore, Pang, R'coon	Gieela (c)	Sander, Wailer & Co.	February 23
S'pore, Amoy, R'coon	Panama (c)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 23, at noon
S'pore, Amoy, Calcutta	Calcutta (c)	Calcutta & A. T. Co.	Feb. 23, at noon
S'pore, Amoy, Calcutta	Calcutta (c)	Douglas Lapsack & Co.	Feb. 21; Daylight
S'pore, Amoy, Calcutta	Calcutta (c)	Oakea Steamer Kaisha	Feb. 21, at 10 a.m.

Takao Direct.	Prometheus (u)	Omaka Shosen Kaisha	Feb. 23, at 10 a.m.
St'ow, Amy, Foochow	Triumph (s)	Omaka Shosen Kaisha	Feb. 27, at 10 a.m.
Tsentsin	Yacow (B.C., Tacoma)	Canadian P&S R. Co.	Feb. 27, at 10 a.m.
Yacow (B.C., Tacoma)	Pariser (s)	Canadian P&S R. Co.	February 24
Vancouver (B.C.), ex.	Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P&S R. Co.	March 9
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Tacoma (s)	Doddwell & Co. Limited	February 28.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Victoria (s)	Doddwell & Co. Ltd.	March 16.
Yma, S'hai, Moli, Kobe	Java (s)	P. & D. S. N. Co.	Feb. 23, at 10 a.m.
Yokohama & Kobe	Samsui (s)	Bankingomaka Lihui	Feb. 28, at Noon

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

February 10, 1904.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations. Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	£ 125	all	£ 835, sales & sellers
Banking Corporation of China, Ltd.	18,970	£ 2	all	£ 1 London, £ 81
Overland Bank of China, Limited	29,928	£ 10	£ 8	£ 84, buyers
Do. Founders shares	750	£ 1	£ 1	£ 84, buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 250	£ 50	£ 775, sellers
China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	£ 83.33	£ 25	£ 85, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 2	£ 5	£ 176. 7.
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	£ 25	£ 10	£ 480, sellers
Yankee Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	£ 100	£ 50	£ 135
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	£ 100	20	£ 904, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	£ 250	50	£ 305, buyers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	£ 50	all	£ 208, buyers
Keong Fienwick & Co., Limited.	4,000	£ 25	£ 25	£ 51, sellers
Do.	1,000	£ 2	all	£ 10, buyers

S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	56,700	Tls.	100	Tls	00	Tls	87
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, &c.							
Ching and Manlin S. S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$	50	\$	50	\$	424, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	30,000	\$	60	all			\$50, sellers
H. K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	15	\$	15		\$25, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	10,000	\$	10	all			\$50, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$	10	\$	10		\$80, sellers
Shall Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	12	\$	12		\$19, sellers
do. Preference.	100,000	\$	10	\$	10		\$21, sellers
T'ku Tung and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,600	Tls.	50	Tls	50		\$10, Nominal
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	200,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50		Tls 25, buyers
do. Preference.	100,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50		Tls 46, sales
do. Preference.	100,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50		Tls 48, sales
SUGAR.							
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$	100	\$	100		\$108, buyers
Luxon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$	100	\$	100		\$10, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	Tls.	50	T	50		Tls 60, Tls
WHEAT.							
H. K. & Kow, Wheat & Godown Co.	30,000	\$	50	all			\$85, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wheat Co.	20,100	Tls.	100	Tls	100		Tls 200, buyers
LARD AND BUTTER.							
Hongkong Land Produce Co., Limited	50,000	\$	100	all			\$142, sales & sellers
do. Agents and Limited	50,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50		Tls 112
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	52,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50		Tls 112

K. Wilson Land and Building Com. pany	6,000	\$	50	30	\$35, sellers
Welsh-Weir Land & Building Co., Ltd.	3,784	79.	50	116.25	75.16, sellers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.,	100,000	6	10	5	\$10.60, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited— TRANSWAIS.	12,500	6	50	50	\$21,
H.R. High-Level Transwaia Co., Ltd. TRANSWAIS.	1,350	6	100	all	\$800
New Panjom Mining Co., Ltd.— TRANSWAIS.	80,000	6	11	11	\$1. sellers

" Preference shares.....		30,000	£	1	all	25 cents
Soc.été Française des Charbon- nages du Tonkin.....		16,000	£	250	all	8800, sellers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.....		200,000	£	1	13 to 10	\$6, sellers
ROCKS, etc.						
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.....		12,000	£	50	all	\$145, sellers
Astor House Hotel, Ltd. (Nantun).....		2,000	£	7	11 to 50	Tls. 150, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai).....		30,000	£	25	£ 25	\$26 1/2, sales
DISPERSED, etc.						
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.....		80,000	£	10	all	\$14, sellers
Watkins Limited.....		10,000	£	10	£ 10	\$7 1/2, sellers
LIGNITE						
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.....		7,000	£	10	all	\$140, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.....		8,000	£	60	Tls. 50	Tls. 122 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.....		30,000	£	10	£ 10	\$12 1/2, sellers
New Electric (new issue).....		30,000	£	10	£ 5	\$7, sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT						
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.....		80,000	£	10	£ 10	\$25, sellers
MICHAELBACH						
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.....		8,000	£	12 1/2	£ 12 1/2	\$5, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited.....		10,000	£	10	£ 5	\$9
Ho Seng Water-Bore Co., Ltd.....		10,000	£	10	£ 10	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Water-Tower Co., Ltd.....		10,000	£	10	£ 10	\$54
Hing Kee Engineering Co., Limited.....		5,000	£	25	all	\$12 1/2, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.....		7,500	£	25	£ 25	Tls. 425
Tobacco Planting Company, Ltd.....		20,000	£	5	£ 5	\$41, sellers
H'kong Rope Manufacturers Co., Ltd.....		10,000	£	50	all	\$140, sales & sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.....		10,000	£	10	£ 10	\$16, sellers
Kwo Cotton Spinning and Weav- ing Co., Ltd.....		20,000	£	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 50, sellers
Tung Co., Ltd.....		10,000	£	10	Tls. 50	Tls. 50
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....		10,000	£	10	Tls. 50	Tls. 50
Luen-King Mao Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.....		5,000	£	10	Tls. 50	Tls. 50
Shui Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.....		5,000	£	10	Tls. 50	Tls. 50
China Provisional Coal Mines Co., Ltd.....		20,000	£	5	£ 10	\$9, buyers
China Portland Cement Co., Ltd.....		50,000	£	5	£ 5	\$12, sellers
China Siam Cement Co., Ltd.....		1,000	£	25	£ 25	\$10, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd. (S'hai).....		15,000	£	25	£ 25	\$10, sellers
Wm. Powell, Ltd.....		15,000	£	25	£ 25	\$10, sellers
Shanghai and Hongkong Dynamite and Chemical Co., Ltd.....		1,000	£	25	£ 25	\$10, sellers

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